

By the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services;
and Senator Harrell

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to newborn screenings; amending s.
383.14, F.S.; subject to legislative appropriation and
beginning on a specified date, requiring that the
Department of Health's rules require that newborns be
screened for Duchenne muscular dystrophy at the
appropriate age; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
383.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

383.14 Screening for metabolic disorders, other hereditary
and congenital disorders, and environmental risk factors.—

(2) RULES.—

(a) After consultation with the Genetics and Newborn
Screening Advisory Council, the department shall adopt and
enforce rules requiring that every newborn in this state shall:

1. Before becoming 1 week of age, have a blood specimen
collected for newborn screenings;

2. Be tested for any condition included on the federal
Recommended Uniform Screening Panel which the council advises
the department should be included under the state's screening
program. After the council recommends that a condition be
included, the department shall submit a legislative budget
request to seek an appropriation to add testing of the condition
to the newborn screening program. The department shall expand
statewide screening of newborns to include screening for such
conditions within 18 months after the council renders such

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advice, if a test approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration or a test offered by an alternative vendor is available. If such a test is not available within 18 months after the council makes its recommendation, the department shall implement such screening as soon as a test offered by the United States Food and Drug Administration or by an alternative vendor is available; and

3. At the appropriate age, be tested for such other metabolic diseases and hereditary or congenital disorders as the department may deem necessary. Subject to legislative appropriation, beginning January 1, 2027, the rules must require that newborns be screened for Duchenne muscular dystrophy at the appropriate age.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.